Pamplin

Pamplin, June 4.- Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fore, of Petersburg visited in the home of his sisters, Mrs. Wiley Richardson and Mrs. Lacy Dickerson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wood and children are visiting relatives in Pennsylvania.

Sunday guests in the home of Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robinson were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pegram and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pegram, Jr., of Lillieston, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Guthrie, Jr., of Lynchburg were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Davis.

Rixey Southall, Jr., of Medical College, Richmond is home for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lucado and daughter, Wanda, of Roanoke were week-end visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lucado.

Mrs. Elsie Moffett, of Lynchburg, visited in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall last week.

Mrs. C. H. McCall, Miss Nancy Jane Hall and Mrs. Elsie Moffett spent the week-end with the former's sister, Mrs. Smith, of Alton.

Richwood

Richwood, June 6.- "What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other."

—Quoted.

Services at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Paulette and family were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey.

Mrs. J. I. Brown will spend the week-end in Chattonooga, Tenn., with her son and family. She will return home next week with her grandchildren. They will stay sometime with her.

Bruce H. Paulette, Jr. was the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey last week.

Jack M. Hamilton is spending sometime with his wife and son in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall and E. R. Davis and Atwell visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh over the week-end.

Tom Paulett was in Lynchburg on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Hamilton and son visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh at Rocks Monday.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, June 5.- The Vera P.-T. A. held its regular meeting on Thursday, May 31. The 7th grade gave an interesting program, "A Real Seventh Grade Class Night."

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Covington and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter recently drove across the Skyline Drive and visited the caverns at Grottos, Va.

Mrs. Joseph Megginson and Mrs. John W. Gunter were joint hostesses at a shower given Miss Dorothy Megginson in the home of Mrs. John W. Gunter. An arrangement of white Sweet William, pink and green candles on the table furnished the motif for the party, which was attended by twenty guests.

Witches Will Ride Imported Brooms; U. S. Supply Down

The wives and witches of America will be buying and flying more brooms from overseas this year than ever before.

The ladies aren't calculated to like them very much, however. Sweepers made from imported broomcorn are more brittle, less durable than those fashioned from stocks of U.S. cornstraw. Nevertheless, the price of both foreign and domestic brooms is likely to be about the same—highest in history.

Ever since World War II, production of American broomcorn has slowly but steadily declined. Increased importation of foreign broomcorn became necessary after the smallest crop on record was brought in last year. Bad weather joined with a cut in acreage to trim the harvest to a meager 25,900 tons, slightly over half that of 1949's crop.

Even with favorite weather conditions the future of the home-grown, broom brush appears uncertain. After the war American housewives jumped at the chance to buy mechanical sweepers. Brushes and brooms made of plastic and nylon also flooded the market to win a measure of popularity. Broomcorn farmers noted uneasily the consumer trend and many decided to take action.

By 1947 farmers across the broomcorn country—Oklahoma, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Illinois—had switched in considerable numbers to wheat and other crops which, unlike broomcorn, benefited from the government price support program. Also, unlike broomcorn, wheat is reaped mechanically and poses few labor problems.

John Foster Dulles urges "pressures' upon Soviet.

Robert Whitehad urges merger of school divisions.

State gas tax collections show a big increase over 1950.

Stonewall

Stonewall, June 5.- Things will be very uiet around here for swim since the schools close on Wednesday, June 6.

The nice rain we had on Sunday night was greatly needed. We are so thankful for every drop that came. The pasture's had begun to look like September.

The revival will begin at Bethel Church next Sunday. The Rev. L. F. Callaham is the pastor of that church.

Mrs. Willie Jobe and children, and Mrs. Hugh Brown and children, of Gladstone spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and family visited her mother on Sunday, Mrs. T. M. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cyrus attended the revival at Reedy Springs church last week. The Rev. L. F. Brown is the pastor. He was assisted in the meeting by the Rev. Farrar, of Farmville.

Miss Arlene Drinkard spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. John Moore and her family.

Aubrey Lee Burnette and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray Burnette spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson spent last Wednesday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson spent Sunday in Roanoke with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick motored over the Valley of Virginia last week-end.

Mrs. C. D. Drinkard and son, Malcolm; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel and baby girl, Linda Sue and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick visited Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard on last Saturday night a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings have gone to Richmond to attend the graduation of their son, Dr. Thomas Henry Jennings. Congratulations to this young man. He is one of our local boys and we wish him every success in life.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Rocks

Rocks, June 4.- Farmers were busy last week saving hay.

Quite a few from Rocks went to Colonial Heights last Sunday to see Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr., before leaving for the U.S. Army.

Mary Willie Ranson has the mumps.

Louise Ranson and Ruth Ranson called to see Charlene Ranson Saturday afternoon.

Prayer meeting was held Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge.

Ted Almond, of Madison Heights was visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond.

Mrs. H. W. Ranson was on the sick list last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Inge, of Appomattox called to see Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge avhile on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Gowin and Pamlyn, of Lynchburg were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs.Glenn S. Martin.

Mrs. D. W. Dinkins, of Lynchburg spent Wednesday night in the home of Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Mrs. Edward Ranson is ill at this writing. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Quite a few from Rocks went to Pamplin Sunday night to hear the Rev. B. R. Bruner.

Mrs. S. C. Ranson and Miss Odelle Ranson, Mrs. Roy E. Gowin and daughter were in Colonial Heights Saturday.

Britain joins United States in a firm stand against admitting the Chinese Communists to membership in United Natio.s.

Price Administrator says order on beef control will stand.

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Not to Be Served

Lesson for June 10, 1951

THERE are at least three ideas of what religion is, and two of them are wrong if Jesus was right.

To put this more directly: All three ideas have some truth in them, but if either the first or the second is taken as the main and only truth, then religion goes wrong; while Christ's truth carries in itself all the truth the others

Dr. Foreman

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Religion Is Not Retreat

First of these wrong ideas about religion is that it is a retreat from the world, a private conference between God and the soul, and nothing more.

People holding this idea have literally fled from the world, they have lived as hermits, they have taken vows of silence and not spoken to a living soul for years on end; they have lived in little shut-in communities devoted to contemplation and prayer.

Now the relation between God and the soul is extremely important. Prayer and contemplation are the very atmosphere of religion, and the Christian ought always to be truly separate from the world. But retreating to a cell won't answer. Nobody is any better for taking a vow of silence.

Jesus was not that kind of person. His apartness from the world was but marked by a thick wall, but by his being a different kind of person, in the world.

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Religion Is Not a Guarantee

Another wrong idea about religion is that it is a means of gaining religious is supposed to be some way of getting what you want; it means getting God on your side, it means having all your prayers answered, it means prosperity and success.

Surely no one could study the story of Jesus and come away with that notion in his head! Jesus got neither health, wealth, popularity nor success out of being what he was and doing what he did.

The most respectable citizens regarded him as a wicked man; his property was only the clothes he wore; he is known to us as a "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief"; as for success, it is written that he came to his own, and his own received him not."

Well, some one will ask, do you mean to say there is nothing in being a Christian? Don't you get anything at all out of it? That is a fair question.

No, there is everything to be gained, but not in that money-making, happiness-guaranteeing fashion. The person who "goes in for religion," hoping to advance his own interests, is still only a selfish man; and selfishness and Christianity are the opposite.

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What Is To Be Served

The third idea is in Jesus' words: "The Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." And as one of his great followers said: "As he is, so are we in this world." (I John 4:17.)

This is the ideal of service, in its widest sense; and it takes in all those other ideals of religion. One of the best ways of serving others is to pray for them, as we can. One of the best things we can do for others is to live as close to God as we can. But as Jesus himself said: "For their sakes I dedicate myself."

It is true, also, that something is to be gained from religion, but nothing that a selfish, money-loving person can understand. As one of the Psalmists expresses it, the "precious ransom of redemption" are the assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

These are priceless, but no one can understand such things or even long for them so long as he is a selfish person. Jesus served bodies and minds, he taught and healed; but deeper than this, he came to save men—save them from themselves, bringing them from slavery of sin, into the service of God.

So the Christian who wants to find the full meaning of his religion must, like his Master, so far as he can find opportunity, serve others in every way he can. And the best service one person can do for another, after all, is to introduce him to Christ.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, June 4.- Mr. and Mrs. Crote Carson and children, Linda and Tom, of Richmond spent Sunday with his father, E. H. Carson at "Scotland." They called to see his brother, C. E. Carson and family, at Prospect in the A. M.

Dr. T. W. Williams preached a fine sermon at the Hixburg Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. He called at the home of Mr. Stedman in the P. M.

Two of our young people from Hixburg Presbyterian Church expect to attend the Bible Conference this June. Miss Rachel Goin, to Hampden-Sydney and Miss Nannie Belle Goin to Holliday Lake.

Mrs. James Guild, of Richmond spent the week-end with her father, E. P. Sears, at "Rosedale."

Mrs. C. B. Carson and Bettibel spent Sunday P. M. with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Marshall, at "Walnut Shade."

Mrs. J. Dan Ford and Mrs. C. James have been recent callers in this home.

Mrs. Joel Coleman is some better at her home near Hixburg. Her daughter, Mrs. B. Wilkerson, of Crewe has recently visited her.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goin and baby spent Sunday P. M. with her parents at Hollywood.

Mrs. W. B. Ford and Mrs. H. M. Marshall, of Pamplin called in the homes of E. P. Sears and Miss Mag Hix Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sears called to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey near Cullen over the week-end.

O. H. Gilliam, of Prospect was a caller at "Walnut Shade" Saturday.

Two of our young folks are graduating from school this year. Miss Jessie B. Carson, daughter of E. H. Carson gets her degree from Longwood today, June 4th. Watkins McPhillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhillips, at Pamplin High School Wednesday, June 6.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Oakville

Oakville, May 30.- Mrs. Wade Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Garrett, from Vera were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Roland Smith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Rogers spent last week-end in Richmond with relatives.

Mrs. Bob Wagner and children spent the last two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moore. Mr. Wagner came for a visit last week-end. Mrs. Irene Rogers returned home with them for a while.

Those attending an ice cream supper given in honor of Mr. Fleming Drinkard at his home on his birthday Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. James Martin and family; Mrs. John Moore and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel and children, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and family, Mrs. E. B. Martin, Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Drinkard and son, Malcolm, and Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard and family.

Cpl. Richard E. Smith, Jr., of Limestone, Maine is spending a furlough with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Linanen and children, of Ashland, Va. also spent several days this week with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Durie and daughter, Mrs. Elmer Hubbott and Mrs. W. S. Durie visited Mr. and Charlie Durie in Lynchburg last Saturday.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Durie Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Durie and children and Mrs. Johnnie Hall and children.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Page, of Farmville spent last week with relatives here.

Mrs. June Martin spent the week-end with Phyllis Gowen, of Tye River.

J. A. Campbell, Jr., of Prospect, spent the week-end with Miss Alice Martin, of Oakville.

Miss Gertrude Martin, of Concord spent Sunday night with Alice Martin.

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